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MUZENDA

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CLASSIFIED BY POLITICAL SECTION CHIEF MATT HARRINGTON.
REASONS: 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. (C) IN A DECEMBER 5 MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR, MFA
DIVISION DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS DELIVERED A
LETTER TO PRESIDENT BUSH FROM ACTING PRESIDENT SIMON
MUZENDA. THIS IS LIKELY THE LETTER PROMISED BY ZANU-PF
INFORMATION SECRETARY NATHAN SHAMUYARIRA IN A NOVEMBER 20
MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR (REFTEL). THE SIGNED ORIGINAL
HAS BEEN POUCHED TO AF/S.

2. (C) BEGIN TEXT:

4 DECEMBER 2001

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING CLOSELY THE DISCUSSIONS IN CONGRESS
CONCERNING THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE, AND
ESPECIALLY THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY IN MY COUNTRY. I HAVE
ALSO BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE CONCERNS WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT
HAS ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS,
ESPECIALLY YOUR DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER THEY WILL BE FREE AND
FAIR.

MAY I RESPOND TO THESE CONCERNS BY AFFIRMING TO YOU, MR.
PRESIDENT, OUR SENSE OF COMMON BELIEF AND COMMITMENT WITH
THE GOVERNMENT, CONGRESS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA ON ALL FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF GOOD
GOVERNANCE AND OTHER VEXING CONCERNS OF OUR TIME. WE WISH
TO BUILD OUR RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY UPON THIS BASIS.

MY GOVERNMENT AND PARTY WISH FURTHER TO AFFIRM TO YOU OUR
BELIEF IN AND COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY, GOOD GOVERNANCE,
PRESS FREEDOM, FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS, ECONOMIC
PROSPERITY, ANTI-TERRORISM, THE RULE OF LAW AND THE
SEPARATION OF POWERS BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE, JUDICIARY AND
THE LEGISLATURE. WE BELIEVE FIRMLY IN CONSTITUTIONAL
GOVERNANCE. NOTHING IN OUR POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES WILL
NEGATE THESE FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS DURING OUR TERM OF OFFICE.

AS REGARDS THE FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, I WISH
TO ALLAY ANY DOUBTS AND ANXIETIES YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THEIR
CONDUCT BY AFFIRMING TO YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT AND PARTY
WILL TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE UNDER OUR
LAWS TO ENSURE THAT THE ELECTIONS ARE FREE AND FAIR, AND
ESPECIALLY TO ENSURE THAT EVERY VOTER IS ENABLED TO MAKE A
FREE AND FEARLESS CHOICE OF WHOM THEY WANT AS THEIR NEXT
PRESIDENT. AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, MR. ROBERT GABRIEL MUGABE
WILL BE MY PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.
IT IS OUR ASSESSMENT THAT HE REMAINS THE BEST HOPE FOR OUR
COUNTRY AND THAT THE PEOPLE WILL CAST THEIR VERDICT IN HIS
FAVOUR.

MR. MUGABE NEEDS YOUR GOOD WISHES. HE SEEKS YOUR
ASSISTANCE ESPECIALLY IN THE CONDEMNATION OF ALL THOSE
ELEMENTS IN THE POLITICAL ARENA, LOCAL AND FOREIGN, WHO
SEEM BENT ON PURSUING THEIR POLITICAL AMBITIONS THROUGH
ACTS OF TERROR. MY GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE RALLY SOLIDLY
BEHIND YOUR CONDEMNATION OF ALL THOSE WHO SPONSOR AND GIVE
COMFORT TO TERRORISM.

FINALLY, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT WILL INVITE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, INSTITUTIONS AND PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS TO COME AND OBSERVE THE ELECTORAL PROCESS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. YOUR GOVERNMENT IS OBVIOUSLY AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS THAT IMMEDIATELY COME TO OUR MIND AS WE CONSIDER WHO SHOULD OBSERVE OUR ELECTIONS.

WHILE THE SITUATIONS IN OUR COUNTRIES ARE NOT IDENTICAL, I AM OF THE FIRM BELIEF THAT WE CAN HAVE, AS I BELIEVE WE DO ALREADY, A SHARED COMMITMENT TO THE NEED FOR ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENTS, THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, THE RULE OF LAW, FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS AND ANTI-TERRORISM. WE WILL PLAY OUR PART IN FULL TO REALIZE THESE GOALS.

KINDLY ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, MY GOOD WISHES TO YOU FOR YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH AND THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST REGARD.

SIMON MUZENDA
ACTING PRESIDENT

END TEXT.

13. (C) COMMENT: IN THE CONVOLUTED LOGIC OF ZIMBABWE, THE GOZ APPEARS TO HAVE WAITED UNTIL PRESIDENT MUGABE LEFT FOR

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MADRID FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT BY AN EYE SPECIALIST IN ORDER TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF MUGABE ASKING FOR FAVORS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF REBUFF. WHILE THE ARGUMENTS ARE NEITHER NEW NOR CONVINCING, THE LETTER SHOWS A GOZ STILL SEEKING IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., EVEN AS IT WRITES OFF THE E.U. AND SOUTH AFRICA.

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